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DAYTON MAN RECEIVES 5-YEAR SENTENCE FOR POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

DAYTON – Ivan Geerken, age 61 of Dayton, was sentenced in United States District Court here today to 60 months imprisonment for possession of child pornography.

Gregory G. Lockhart, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio and Brian Moskowitz, Special Agent in Charge, Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), announced the sentence handed down today by United States District Judge Thomas M. Rose.

A federal grand jury indicted Geerken in March, 2005 after a search of his home located a computer with a hard drive containing at least 204 still images and 49 movies or videos of children under the age of 18 engaged in sexually explicit conduct. Geerken had downloaded the images from the Internet through a file-sharing service.

The ICE Cyber Crimes Center proactively monitors the Internet for images of child pornography and forwards the leads to the appropriate investigative agency in an attempt to identify and prosecute the violators.

Geerken pleaded guilty on September 20, 2005 to one count of possession of child pornography.

“Victimization of the children involved in child pornography does not end when the camera is put away,” Lockhart said. “There is a compelling governmental interest in stamping out child pornography at all levels and that includes prosecuting those who possess the images.”

Once Geerken is released from prison, he will be required to register as a sex offender and be subject to all laws and restrictions of that requirement.

Lockhart commended the ICE agents who investigated the case and Assistant U.S. Attorney Laura Clemmens who prosecuted the case.

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